

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the original specification as filed on February 27, 2004 by replacing the following paragraph as indicated below:

**Replace the paragraph on p. 4 ll. 14-16:**

Another object of the invention is to provide lateral support to risers or umbilicals at a vertical elevation at or near the keel or the vertical elevation of the hull attachment pointst for mooring tendons.

**with:**

Another object of the invention is to provide lateral support to risers or umbilicals at a vertical elevation at or near the keel or the vertical elevation of the hull attachment points ~~pointst~~ for mooring tendons.

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The enclosed one sheet of drawings includes one replacement sheet that includes a change to Figure 10. This replacement sheet, which includes only Figure 10, replaces the original drawing sheet having the same figure.

The change to Figure 10 is limited to the addition of a reference numeral in conformance with the specification as originally filed and does not involve a substantive change. In accordance with MPEP § 608.02(v), it is believed that an annotated drawing sheet is not required. No new matter is introduced.